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# weather



## TODAY:

Mostly sunny with ahigh of 52

## FRIDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 55 and a low of 27

## **SATURDAY:**

Partly cloudy with a high of 52 and a low of 27.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 56 and a low of 34.

# verbatim

"We had full intent to return it. It's not really stealing. It's borrowing."

Carlisle

# **What Budget Cuts?**

## As Academics' Budgets Are Cut, Athletics' Funding Upped \$25,000

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By PHILLIP GRIFFITH

The Department of Athletics will not have its \$1.27 million budget reduced for next year, while the college's various academic departments will take a seven percent cut in their \$729,000 operating budget.

"This is one of those situations for the sake of appearance, Loudd ask them to cut," said Executive Vice President Rick Hurley, "But they have been struggling to meet the needs of the program."

College of fificials said the department will also receive \$25,000 more because of a request to purchase healthier meals for the teams during away competitions. The Athletic Department's funding has not been increased in the past five years.

According to college officials,

According to cottege of ticals, funding from the athletic department comes directly from student comprehensive fees. The comprehensive fees are then broken into two separate budgets, the education and general (E&G) budget and the auxiliary budget. The education and general behavior funds the academic areas of the college. budget funds the academic areas of the college, and the auxiliary budget supports any of the

college's other programs. College officials say money from the E&G budget cannot be used to support something in the auxiliary budget Because the state reduced the college's E&G budget, the departments in that area, including academics, are forced to make

cuts.

"They did not get cut
anywhere near the
proportional amount of their
budget," Hurley said. "The
bulk of the cuts fell on the administrative side of the

However, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Phil Hall said he could imagine some faculty being irate about this

"I can readily imagine that some faculty won't be happy to understand that everybody isn't sharing the pain," Hall

Mathematics department Mathematics department
Chairpreson Larry Lehman
said that he has gotten used to the differences
between the athletics department and various
academic departments.
"It doesn't surprise or bother me too much,"

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Above: Members of the Faculty Senate. Left: Eric Gable. assistant professor of Sociology and Anthropology, (right)

and David Kolar.

Psychology.

assistant professor of

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## **Minors Proposal Tabled**

By JOHN SPACEK

Faculty Senate representatives have tabled,

Faculty Senate representatives have tabled, but have not killed, a proposal by the Academic Affairs Committee, AAC, to create a minors program at the college.

The move comes after heated debate among faculty about whether or nof such a program would actually benefit the college's liberal arts considerable.

The Senate, citing many unanswered questions, sent the proposal back to AAC for further study

ther study. Assistant Professor of Psychology David

Kolar presented the Faculty Senate with the idea

Kolar presented the Faculty Senate with the idea and said that many students have been pushing for the college to develop a minors program.

"The impetus for this motion really came from the students who had expressed a desire when they are taking courses from different disciplines to put something on their transcripts." Kolar said to the faculty.

The AAC had originally approved the minors proposal to allow students to specialize in a servicionts faid, and to anable acquisates to be

proposal to allow students to specialize in a particular field and to enable graduates to be more competitive in their job search. Currently, Mary Washington College is the only public Virginia college to not offer minors.

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# **Police Director Beger To Retire**



Police Director Stanley Beger.

Alvssa Best/Bulle

By CAROLYN MURRAY

Mary Washington College lice Director Stanley Beger who has worked at the college for almost five years, has decided to retire. His last day will be June 24

"I've turned 62, and I've been working since I was 13 years of age," Beger said. "I want to do some gardening, some traveling, some fishing—do some things I haven't been able to do."

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## No Weekend Exams, Four On Weekdays Instead

## By IONN SPACEK

Students will experience major changes in

Students will experience major changes in their exam schedule starting next spring. The Mary Washington College Faculty Senate approved a measure Wednesday evening that would cut exam times by a half-hour, eliminates Friday night and Saurday exams, and ensures that an exam will be held on a day the class regularly meets, starting in Spring 2003.

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A survey of the faculty had indicated that 73 A survey of the faculty had indicated that 73 percent either did not object or were neutral to the idea of changing the exam schedule. Nevertheless, Faculty Senate President Craig Vasey cast the deciding vote in order to break the 11 to 11 split among the faculty representatives present.

Under the new plan, exams will be held from 8.30 to 11, 12 to 230, 3:30 to 6, and 7 to 9:30. Also, exam week will only last Monday through

Friday and will not extend to Friday night and

Friday and will not extend to rriday night and Saturday as it does now.

"I welcome shorter exams and I think our students will as well," said Ernext Ackerman, professor of Computer Science.

However, not everyone approved.

Some questioned the cut in time for exams, the smaller gap in-between each exam, and whether it would really be beneficial for students.

"Trying to squeeze it in is not healthy for the students," said Professor of Music David Long. Associate Professor of Mathematics Janusz Konieczny said he was very opposed to the

"There are lots of students who would have two exams back to back with only one short break," Konieczny said. "They wouldn't even have time to get lunch."

But Academic Affairs Committee Chairman

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## State Cuts Minority Program's Budget

Assistant News Editor

The General Assembly has

The General Assembly has cut a \$50,000 allocation for the college's Summer Transition Program (STP) geared toward providing transition for minority students before minority students before beginning their freshman year. The college will continue running a revised program on a \$25,000 budget provided by

RV ALBERT KIIGEL

Assistant News Editor

By CAROLINE S. WALLINGER to help provide minority settling prior to starting the settling prior to starting the academic year. Ameeta Vashee, director of

the James Farmer Multicultural Center, works

with the program.

"The primary mission [of STP] is to bring minority students to campus and give them a head start on what's going on campus," Vashee said.

What's Next For The Wood Company?

Details Of Dining Contract Become Available

Combs Hall, James Monroe, and eyen Marye's Heights. There will also be gradual price

increases in the meals as well as several new ideas that are

as several new ideas that are still pending. According to Director of Purchasing Erma Baker, the official paper contract will not be signed until sometime in

late April. Yet, some information became available

Vashee said the program will change from a six-week program to a three-week program, and that students will spend more time in class each day than before

"There will be less time on campus and time in the classroom will be a little bit more," he said. "Also, freshmen will take six seminar workshops in the fall and two in the spring to help balance it

to the public through three

to the public through three separate financial scenarios that Mary Washington College asked potential candidates to draft in order to select the ideal company. "From the three separate scenarios the final contract is

Baker

"Basically, the college picks and chooses various features

oses various features

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made,'

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## The Sign Said 'Go To Jail'

# Students Arrested For Stealing From Jail following the car radioed the Sheriff's office as the student's vehicle went south back to Fredericksburg. Deputies then intercepted the vehicle on Route 1, and saw the sign in plain view in the car.

By CAROLYN MURRAY

Three freshmen students from Jefferson Hall were taken to Rappahannock Regional Jail on Friday, March 29 soon after they allegedly stole a directional sign from the building. Carlisle Brigham, one of the

Carlisle Brigham, one of the students, said that the group of friends had driven by earlier and thought the sign, which reads "Community Corrections Magistrate's" was amusing.

Magistrate's' was amusing.
"It was a tiny sign in the very
front of the jail," Brigham said.
"We thought it was funny."
Brigham said that a few days
later a friend dared the trio to

take the sign.

Jail officials observed the

Jail officials observed the students on surveillance cameras, which are located both inside and outside the building, according to Stafford County Sheriff Charles Jett. He said that the students



were attempting to remove a correctional sign from the front lot, and when they could not detach it from the post, they took the post as well.

Jett said that a jail officer

where they returned the sign.

Jett said that the students
were released because they
did not fight the charges. They were very, very see IAIL, page 12

Brigham said that the students planned to take the sign back the same night. "We were going to take a picture, and return [the sign]

before the sun even came up," Brigham said. "We had full

Brigham said. "We had full intent to return it. It's not really stealing. It's borrowing."
Police charged Brigham, 18, Ryan McGonigle, 19, and Edward C. Darrell, 19, with petit larceny and took them to the Magistrate's Office, where they removed the sine.

# With the Wood Company's contract signed for potentially another 10 years many improvements will follow for Mary Washington College's dining services. Not only will Seacobeck and the Eagle's Nest he reconstuded it is resculated. be renovated, it is speculated that dining will expand to Brigham

# **▼**Police By CAROLYN MURRAY

March 27—Police found Timothy Allen Maguire, 35, Aimee Nicole Smith, 24, both of Richmond, and Thomas Doyle Turner, 23, of Richmond, and Financia Dayle United States of Salon items on campus without credentials or permission. They were all given no trespassing warnings and barred from campus.

March 27 - A student from Westmoreland Hall was taken to Night Haven for underage drinking. According to police, the studen blood alcohol level was 0.17. The student w

March 27—One student in Russell Hall was questioned about vandalism to the building's elevator that occurred on March 25. The student admitted to actions that may have student admitted to actions that may have potentially damaged the elevator, but police said they could not prove the student caused the damage. The entire residence hall will be charged for the elevator's repair. The studen who kicked the elevator was referred to the

March 28-Sometime between 2:00 and 3:30 a.m., a light cover for the emergency back-up light system in Russell Hall was broken. Police said the value of the damage is not known. The case is under investigation.

March 28 - A student's car was vandalized in March 28—A student's car was vandatized in the William Street Lot sometime between March 24 and March 28. Police said someone threw a rock through the rear window of a green Blazer. The left rear window of the vehicle was shattered, with a hole at the bottom and a rock found on the rear floorboard. The victim declined further investigation of the

March 29—A Resident Assistant in Alvey Hall found three underage students drinking and brought the Head Resident of the building to

the room. Two students relinquished the alcohol, but the third student fled the scenethe room. Two students relinquished the calcohol, but the third student fled the scene—and ran to the police office. Colin Francis Dumphy came to the police office. Colin Francis Dumphy came to the police office to talk his way out of an honor code violation, as he had given the Resident Assistant and Head Resident a fake name earlier, but he had left his ID card, so they knew who he was. Police said he tried to talk his way out of an honor violation, and had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. When asked how much he had to drink, Dumphy said, "A lot." Police charged Dumphy, 19, for being drunk in public and underage possession of alcohol. Officers took him to the magistrate's office, where he was released from spending the night in jail. Dumphy's court date for underage possession of alcohol is April 4, and his court date for being drunk in public is May 7. All three students were referred to the administration.

arch 30-A student in Jefferso police about two individuals in the building who were wandering around the halls of the who were wandering around un mais of the residence hall, trying to get into the rooms. They also cut off the power to one hall by turning off a breaker, police said. Christopher E. Wyatt, 19, and Patrick G. Carroll, 19, both of Horsham, Pa, guests of a student in Jefferson, were extracted from the building and better from extracted from the building and barred from campus

March 30 - At 6:55 a.m., an officer found a Giant Foods shopping cart at the back entrance of the student center. The cart, valued at \$200, was returned to Giant.

April 1—A blue and silver women's Schwinn 21-speed mountain bike, valued at \$350, was reported as stolen from the Jefferson Hall bike rack, police said. The victim locked the bike the previous day, but found that only the lock remained the next time the student checked. The case is under investigation.

## **Another Minority Program Cut**

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The seminars will be taught by professors and college administrators, and according to Vashee, the tentative topics include acourse on James Farmer that will feature above rading and discussion of the themes in Farmer's book "Lay Bare the Heart," a self-assessment course, a student leadership course,

Heart," a self-assessment course, a student leadership course, and an ethics course.

Sophomore Portsia Smith, a Bullet staff writer, was a counselor in the program over the summer. Smith feels that the changes to the program will be harmful.

"Putting students in a class for three or four hours doesn't help with transition," Smith said. "It's opposite to the goals of STP"

Smith said that as a counselor last year she thought students

Smuth said that as a counselor last year she thought students in the program benefited.

"We had a lot of fun," Smith said. "We went to King's Dominion and to see Riverdance and we did a lot of activities that help people adjust to college life. Now students are going to spend four hours in a classroom and they aren't going to like in."

The budget cut affects other Virginia colleges, as STP is a atewide program. Vashee said the state program was cut by a stal of \$3.4 million. Vashee said that the only state colleges

that were not cut were Hampton University and Virginia State College, both of which historically have higher minority attendance, and therefore use reverse integration effors. Rick Hurley, executive vice president and cheef financial officer for the college, said that the cuts were handed down to the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV) by the General Assembly.

Council Tagas Co

Assembly is the one that told SCHEV We aren't going to give you the money anymore," Hurley said.
Hurley, who may teach one of the workshops offered during the academic year, said he feels the program will continue to effective for minority students in its new form.
"I hope that [the lack of funding] doesn't have any negative impact," Hurley said. "The new design for the program, I think is exciting and I think it will offset the changes made to the summer

students attending the college.
"Most of the minority students I know that go here went through
the STP program," she said. "I think we could lose a lot of students
with the changes."

## No More Saturday Night Exams...

David Kolar, who is also an assistant professor of Psychology, says the shorter time gap is no different than other colleges.
"It is not unusual to have less time between exams. George Mason has only 15 minutes between exams," Kolar said.

allowing students to move an exam if they have on the same day will remain in place.

Student opinion is mixed on the proposal, although none

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## **MWC Searches For New Police Director**

The college has already put out a search The cotlege has aiready put out a search to fill Beger's position, which closes April 12. Associate Director of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs Ray Tuttle is heading the search committee. Tuttle said that the college hopes to fill the position before Beger leaves, so that he can train the new directors.

Beger leaves, so that he can train the new director.

"We'd like to have overlap time between the two," Tuttle said.

Beger said that ideally the candidate would be hired early to make the transition in the department a smooth one.

"I'd like to get someone here preferably a month before if the college [can afford it," Beger said. "The earlier they can get the person here: the better If (the condidate the person here.") the person here, the better. If [the candidate is] not from here already, they'll have a

said his duties as police director

are diverse.
"I do anything that has to do with law enforcement, physical safety, [or] criminal investigations," Beger said. "If it's involving law enforcement, I'm the guy who has to take care of it."

who has to take care of it."

The advertised pay for the position is \$38,163 to \$41,979. Beger's salary as police director started at \$38,851 in April 1999, and is currently \$42,659.

Beger said that he will help Tuttle only

in the preliminary portion of the search.
"I will assist Dr. Tuttle in reviewing applicants to make sure they meet standards for law enforcement," B

Beger declined to be on the search committee because members of the college police department could be applying for the job.

the job.
"Three to four people from the department may put in applications," Beger said. "I'm staying out of it."
Licutenant James Snipes, who is applying for the job, said he thinks

applying for the job, said he thinks someone from the department should be hired for the position.

"It absolutely should be someone from the department," Snipes said. "There are so many state, college, and federal procedures that you have to be aware of."

Tutle said that the committee will not give preference to someone from the department, but will weigh the qualities of all the applicants.
"Everybody's going to be considered," Tuttle said. "You have to take into consideration all the strengths and weaknesses of all the applicants."

A number of members of the college community had nothing but good things to say about Beger.

Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker said that Beger has been concerned about the welfare of the students.

welfare of the students.
"I think that the chief's whole approach
was to do all that he possibly can to make
everything better for the students." Rucker
said. "I think what he 's done has been
admirable. He has been really interested in
working with senior administration to
mehance parking opportunities for students.
He listens and he cares."
Senior Andy Painter said that one thing
that makes Beger stand out is how easy it
is to talk to him.
"He's very, very approachable," Painter
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is to talk to him.

"He's very, very approachable," Painter said. "He's exceedingly easy to talk to and that's somewhat the exception rather than the rule with the administration on campus."

Snipes said that Beger takes responsibility for the department and the wast it sem.

responsibility for the department and the way it is run.

"He can at times be a perfectionist," Snipes said. "It stems from his commitment to the college and the department, and wanting things to be run correctly."

Beger said he plans to travel after he

"I'd like to take road trips, and maybe go to England," he said. Beger's last day as police director is June

## However, because the funding for academics competition, it costs \$500 to \$1000 and more if

**Various Departments Go Uncut** 

However, because the funding for academics and athletics comes from two separate budges, Professor of Philosophy and Faculty Senate President Craig Vasey said that he was not upset that athletics was not reduced.

"It's funny. You know, it seems like the priorities aren't cademic, but that isn't the case," Vasey said. "I'm not inclined to be get inflamed about that."

Athletic Director Ed Heemann said that he

Athletic Director Ed Hegmann said that he expects some negative reaction among faculty because of athletics receiving funding instead of

academics.
"It's really easy to sit back and say, 'Gee, I wish
I had what they had," Hegmann said. "No matter
how they allocate that money, somebody's going
to be upset. I'm sure people who get cut will not
like somebody who is level [funded]." like somebody who is level [funded]."

Chairperson of the department of Historic Preservation Gary Stanton said that he understands the decision to increase the athletic department's

funding.
"Different departments get different amounts anyways, so it's not like it's a democracy," Stanton said. "They do a lot of good stuff with what they get. There are a lot of other things to be concerned.

Athletic Director Hegmann said that the athletic Athlete Director Hegmann said that the athletic department funding is used to pay for equipment, uniforms, officiating, travel costs and athlete meal expenses. The cost of officiating a sporting event has risen 30-50 percent in the past five years, which now costs the school \$400-\$500 a game. the team stays overnight.
"Unfortunately, those expenses are out of your

"Unfortunately, those expenses are out of your control," Hegmann said.

College officials said roughly 10 percent of the student body, 400 students are members of the college's 23 intercollegiate athletic teams, and if their budget were reduced, the college's sports teams would have to participate in fewer

competitions. "Int's probably the most efficient way to cut "Orna's probably the most efficient way to cut "Orna's significantly," Hegmann said. Hurley said that he recommended to President William Anderson that the athleid edepartment not have its funding reduced because of the difficulty they have had with various costs increasing over the past few years. Hurley added that Anderson said he also did not want to reduce the athletic department, but for the new years doing not would be

said he also did not want to reduce the athletic department's funding because doing so would reduce the quality of the student educational experience at the college.

In addition to the increased funding for athletics, the Finance Committee, which funds all student organizations also will receive a \$15,000 increase to its \$400,000 budget. The Ridderhof-Martin Art Gallery, the Office of Pacidocal Life and Unstrian became Police. Residence Life and Housing, the campus Police Department, the bookstore and the Department of Environmental Health and Safety will remain at level funding for next year. Also, the college's budgets for insurance and utilities were increased for next year.

## Wood To Be At MWC for Up To 10 Years

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from any of the three scenarios and from
this, drafts the new paper contract."
Some of the features that were already
worked out from the scenarios include a
five percent discount for student groups for
catering services, an annual scholarship between nine and ten thousand dollars designated for a Virginia resident student each year, and the faculty and staff meal rate will stay at three dollars until June

Slowly, the meal plan rates will jump in price in either the 2003-04 academic year or the year after. In addition, there will be a 25-cent increase in all cash equivalency rates with all meals at Mary Washington College beginning next year.

Seacobeck will also slowly be renovated

over the years.
"The kitchen of Seacobeck will be renovated to make it more user friendly," said Janet Nagy, general manager of Wood Dining Services. "Also, we will eliminate the lines in Seacobeck by giving each food

ation its own line."

Nagy said that each food station will have its own identity. For example, three new stations that will come soon include Hometown, which will have foods like acaroni and cheese, Rotisserie, and the

Grill, which will strive to have diner-like foods available.

Nagy also said that the current salad bars will also be replaced.

"We're also going to replace those big monstrosities that have outgrown their resolutions of the same of the said that the same of the said that the current said that the said that

usefulness with smaller, more co salad and desert bars," Nagy said. Nagy said that the alumni cent re compact ni center will

own finishing kitchen where staff

have its own finishing kitchen where staff can set up for events.

Potential expansion ideas include a coffeehouse in Marye's Heights, a 120 square foot expansion in Comb's Hall, and a dining area at James Monroe called Cafe a la Carte. The new five-year contract with the

The new five-year contract with the Wood Company includes five, one-year renewals, and will officially begin Aug. 1, 2002. Several financial parameters have already been set, according to Baker. "We have agreed on a \$300,000 capital contribution that the Wood Company will give to Mary Washington," Baker said. "But it was agreed that that money must go to food service uses like improvement of current dining areas."

The contract will also give Wood a \$78,000 operational investment.

\$78,000 operational investment.
"This is exciting, because we can

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possibly use this money to buy newer trucks, "Nagy said. "Now,our trucks won't keep breaking down."

Nagy also said that the school will receive a \$475,000 guaranteed commission annually from Wood.

"This acts as a lump sum instead of how

a commission usually works as a percentage of income," she said. "In financial terms, this is not Mary Washington paying us for dining services, this is a business deal that works for both

The Wood Company was selected over Chartwells' and Aramark's proposals that were all turned in on Jan. 8 of this year. According to Baker, from Jan. 9 to Jan.

According to Baker, from Jan., 910 Jan. 31, evaluations and committee meetings took place that ultimately discussed each proposal and also weighted them according to a system that the college uses.

The proposals were "graded" on the financial stability of the offerer and their rest experience and qualifications on the

past experience and qualifications, on the firm's plan to assist the college in meeting the goals for management, on the firm's financial offer and their alternate offers, the

## Waiting For A Minor Decision

MINORS, page 1

The college currently permits students to have ncentrations, however, concentrations are not

put on transcripts.

The college also allows double-majoring, but that also creates challenges for students, according to Assistant Professor of Business Administration Hubbard said many of his advisees are busine

Hubbard said many of his advisees are observes majors only to satisfy their parents, not out of interest so they end up double-majoring. "Common sense tells me that if we can offer a minor in business, that would alleviate a lot of the pressure on these students and allow them to pursue what they really love," Hubbard said.

pursue what they really love," Hubbard said.
Still, many on the Faculty Senate were not
convinced that creating a minors program is
actually beneficial or necessary.
Several faculty representatives expressed
concerns that a minors program would hurt the
viability of smaller departments by taking majors
sure acted if they a program is contined. away, even if such a program is optional.

alf of all philosophy majors also maj something else

'A minors program may cut that number in half." Vasey said

Vasey went on to say that the State Cou Vasey went on to say that the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia, or SCHEV, tracks the number of students taking each of the degree programs offered at a college. If a program averages less than five graduates per year for five years, it could lose funding. This has already happened to the Russian and Dance programs at e college.

Phil Hall, vice-president of Academic Affairs

and dean of faculty, tried to allay their fears and said SCHEV looks at total enrollment for a program's upper-level program

majors.
"I don't see it as enormously threatening," Hall said. "I don't think a major-minors program is directly related. In some ways, it may help." Academic Affairs Council Student Chairman Moses Asamoah says he supports the minors

"A minor makes everything easier," Asamoah aid. "You don't have to go through transcripts oking for courses to fill a concentration." The Facuty Senate has asked the AAC to

report on the advantages and disadvantages offering a minor, survey the students for the opinions, and talk with career services on wheth having a minor is actually beneficial.

## CORRECTIONS:

In last week's issue, the article "Wood Company To Stay" should have said that the Wood Company won the bid for a five year contract that can be renewed yearly for an additional five years.

In last week's issue, the commentary "UConn Dominates In Women's Basketball" should have said that Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt has dominated coaching in women's basketball for 28 years.

In last week's issue, the article "Poets Talk Current Events, Rappers" should have reported that Sonia Sanchez is African-American.

# iewpoints

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## FAST FACT-

The 2000 Oscar Mayer Wienermobile has a GMC W-series chassis and a 5700 VORTEC engine, making it the most powerful Wienermobile in the fleet. It measures 27 feet by 8 feet by 11 feet, or 55 hot dogs long, 18 hot dogs wide and 25 hot dogs high.

## Editorial

## Close Call on New Exam Times

The Faculty Senate approved a change in the The raculty Senae approved a change in the way that May Washington College administers final exams this week. The changes will be implemented for the spring 2003 semester and include shorter exam times, the elimination of Friday night and Saturday exams, and the guarantee that exams will be offered on a day

that the class usually meets.

So far, it seems that most faculty members either approve of the changes or do not feel strongly one way or the other about an altered exam schedule. Students have also not expressed strong views about the changes, probably because there are both good and bad aspects of the change, but both sides weigh equally in common student

opinion.

Pros: The approved alteration in the exam schedule will eliminate the situation that exists in the final exam agenda of spring 2002, in which exams begin on Thursday, April 25 and run through the weekend until the following Thursday, May 2. Not having exams on weekend nights will definitely please students. Also, the latest exam slot in the new schedule will be from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. instead of from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., which is more reasonable. As for the shorter exam periods, which will last an hour and a half instead of two hours, students should be pleased with the change as long as professors alter exam format to accommodate the time difference.

Cons: The shorter time span between exams may not appeal to many students, because it seems with the schedule as it is now that students have to rush between exams to study, rest, eat, and mentally prepare for a test in a new subject.

Also, no changes were proposed as to incorporating a more useful reading period, one that does not span a weekend that the students already have outside of class would be most preferable. However, even with the new agenda. students have the opportunity to change their schedule if they are supposed to take more than

two exams on the same day.

Basically, the Faculty Senate has made a decision that will not disrupt student life. The close vote between faculty members, which was close vote between faculty members, which was at it at 11-11 until Faculty Senate President Craig Vasey cast the deciding vote to implement the change, reflects the equal balance between the positive and negatives of this issue and probably reflects student opinion as well.

## Welcome Week Is Not Welcoming

## AMRER RECTOR

Guest Columnist

Perhaps you've heard about the latest brilliant plan of the college. Beginning this fall, you must apply to be a Welcome Week Leader in order to help the freshmen move in. They'll be picking 100 lucky colleges to halp make the first few. students to help make the first few weeks at college a great experience for the freshmen.

Now, at first this plan seems like a great idea. But what the college hasn't made so clear yet is the fact that other iations will not

associations will not be allowed to help. Yes, that's right. People who want to give their own time to help others will be denied. And not only

that, they will not be allowed to move back onto campus for any other reason (unless of course you're an RA or play a

In past years, several c In past years, several campus ministries have come back to campus early for planning retreats. They use this time to plan the events for the semester. And just to be nice, they take time out of their busy

planning to help move in the

freshmen.

From personal experience, I
know that parents and students
moving in are appreciative of
this assistance. I've received
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students from many other clubs and organizations need this time before official move-in and move-in and classes to get things running for their organization. Most groups on campus have kickoff events the very first week of

very first week of classes. I'd like to know how the college thinks

college thinks these events will happen without sufficient time to plan. I guess I'll be spending a couple nights on the CCC couch (when my empty dorm room is right across the street)

in order to be here early to plan.

But what about the groups on campus that don't have their own building? Where are they

supposed to stay if they need to return early for planning purposes? They could always bring a tent and camp out on Trench Hill.

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Perhaps the college doesn't realize that having these groups move in early is actually beneficial. Everyone knows how crazy the campus is on the official move-in days. If they prohibit all those who usually come back and from doing so this year, they are only going to have a bigger mess when the students do come

mess when the students do come flooding in.
Even more cars jam packed onto campus walk and in Ball Circle is what they can expect so much for the new grass. And the bookstore will be even more crowded since all those students won't have been back to buy their books early

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came back a couple days early and turned on our lights. I understand they want to know who's here for security reasons, but we've always registered with Residence Life in the past, so that can't be the reason. I guess the hoodlums from the campus

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## The Adventures Of **Anderson: Part Five**



... surprisingly, the Health Center does not prescribe salt for President Anderson, instead suggesting fresh air and nourishment. President Anderson decides to enjoy the weather on Ball Circle by joining another student for lunch. But will the balmy days at Mary Washington last..

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Surprise! MWC Is **Not Diverse** 

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to the article by Angela Haughney in the most recently published *Bullet*. As a half-Asian student myself, I applaud her for vocalizing her feelings as well as overcoming the ignorance and ent by others.

mistreatment by others.

Hopfully now that her piece was written, students on our campus will be somewhat more taetful when bringing up the question of our ethnicity instead of just saying "50...what are you?"

I know Mary Washington College, as a whole like to think it is diverse and accepting of others, but in reality, there is still a sickening amount of intolerance

and ignorance.

Although most people consider me to be white at inst glance, some people consider me to be white first glance, some people make a great ordeal of stari at me until I notice them. Only after this awkward e contact is made do they bring up the topic of eth background.

Sometimes it is even less tactful than that. More th once, students on campus simply assumed that I was Mexican because I have black hair and brown eyes.

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Once, a professor asked our class if anyone spoke
Japanese, and a student that did not know me at all said
"I think Derek does." After explaining to several people
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not Asian. Asian is like China or Vietnam or Japan" or "Oh, so that's why you have big eyes," or that? Isn't that part of India?"

I do not mean to ramble on about this, but like I said I do not mean to ramble on about this, but like I said before, I can sincerely identify with the difficulties Miss Haughney described in her article. For taking the time to write and publish her feelings and present those of the biracial community of Mary Washington College, I just wanted to say thank you.

Derek Mills is a Senior

## The Thin Green Line

Dear Editor:

**Letters to the Editor** 

I would like to draw attention to the heroism of 387 soldiers of the Israeli Defense Forces who have signed a petition stating that they will not serve in the occupied territories if called on to do so.

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According to their petition, these men and women
will serve inside of the "Green Line" that delineates
Israel proper, but will not serve in the Palestinian
territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 War.
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pending for several others. More trials sure to come as

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Clay Templeton is a Senior.

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## An Atypical Day

Unfortunately, Wilson does not get outside as much as she would like. During the winter, she typically surveys the grounds with Campus Grounds Supervisor, Richard Blair, about once a month. In the springtime, she gets outside weekly and as graduation nears, ventures outside every other day.

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"My job is much more office oriented and administrative than it used to be," she says. administrative than it used to be," she says.
"Just in the last few years I have stopped
designing, ordering and planting all of the
flower beds. I just couldn't get it done and
have slowly in stages allowed others to do
that kind of thing."

On one unseasonably warm Monday in

mid-February, however, Wilson walks around campus with Blair noting what needs

around campus with Blair noting what needs to be done for spring.
Wearing black slacks, flat-soled black dress pumps, and a black jacket with her hair drawn back in a low ponytail, Wilson carries her clipboard and writes down detailed notes.

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As she passes Woodard Campus Center,
she observes that the student traffic pattern
to the mailroom has changed, notes that
barriers need to be put up to reroute the
traffic, and that a path needs to be built.

Wilson takes this chance to explain her

"[1] either design or approve landscap and administer tree contracts," she says watch traffic patterns and try accommodate"

Accommodate." House, Wilson displays her concern for a Mahonia Bealei bush to Blair. She explains that the bush, which leans up against Fairfax House, will have to be pruned before the house is repainted this spring. She tells Blair that she wants to be called to prune the bush personally so that no one jeopardizes the health of its yellow blossoms.

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As she passes Chandler Hall, Wilson looks at a River Birch that has been unhealthy

Blair and other down last year since it could fall on the building, but Wilson but Wilson refused. "It was very last

"It was very unhealthy last year from the drought and other conditions in its environment," she says. "I had hoped it would revive over the winter, but the conditions have not been favorable." As she passes trees and bushes on campus

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As she passes trees and ousnes on campus walk, she mentions the names of each, and carefully checks them over for disease.

She concludes her tour of the campus grounds by walking down the brick steps toward Russell Hall where the purple crocuses are in full bloom.

"It always makes me think of a fairyland."

or some other place out of a storybook with beautiful princesses and wood folk about," she says of the flowers.

## 'Dedicated, Hardworking, Sensitive'

Wilson attended Ferrum College, Virginia Wilson attended Ferrum College, Virginia Common wealth University, studied horticulture at a community college in Richmond, and received her degree with an emphasis in psychology from the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program at Mary Washington College in 2000.

Coworkers and friends know Wilson as the woman who gets the job done while maintaining a love for the environment in which she works.

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Cedric Rucker, dean of Student Life and Wilson's longtime friend, recalled an incident involving Wilson and a diseased tree. Rucker said the grounds staff was taking

down a tree and he went over to ask Wilson about it because the tree did not look sick to

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# Wilson: Keeping It Green

which was hollow in the center,
"It was obvious that the tree wouldn't have
survived, but [interesting] that she knew," he said.
"Her attention to detail is amazing. It's more than a
job. She takes it really seriously."
Edward Hegmann, director of Athletics, said that
it is unusual for a college athletic department not to
have its own grounds crew,
but that feedback regarding
the maintenance of athletic
fields is still positive.
"We have had
comments from other teams
that wish they had game
fields as nice as our practice

fields as nice as our practice fields," he said. "We've had fields," he said. "We've had tremendous cooperation from Joni and her staff. Dedicated, hardworking, sensitive. Those are three descriptive words that come to mind."

Stuart Sullivan, director

Strand Sulivan, director of maintenance control for Facilities Services, has been Wilson's coworder-since she came to Mary Washington College. Since he works primarily with building maintenance, Sullivan's views sometimes conflict with Wilson's. Sullivan recalled one incident when a contractor was installing some cables for a building and hit be root of a one-hundred-year old walnut tree.

"I was going' Jon'is going to kill me," he said.
"She came ever, saw my face, and said 'It's going to be okay."

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"A Personal Touch"

The overwhelming response of Wilson's coworkers was that site is capable and personable. John Wilfermuth, assistant vice president for Facilities Services, has been Wilson's supervisor since he came to work at Mary Washington College in 1994. "She knows her job and responsibilities and very capably handles them with minimum input from me," he said. "She's a wonderful complement to the college and the facilities department. She's very level-headed and knowledgeable."

Wilson has supervised Randolph Myers, Battlefield grounds supervisor, for 12 years. He credits the ground department's employee retention rate to Wilson.

"She's one of the most people-oriented managers that I've ever been acquainted with," he said. "The reason retention has stayed is because her attitude toward our department trickles down. She makes everybody feel like an integral part of the team."

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together.
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## Motherhood

Wilson met Williams, her domestic partner and the father of her child, when she came to work at the college. Williams explained that they met in 1991 or 1992.

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"We just started talking and found we had lots of commonalities," Williams said. "We were friends for a year before the romance. I was impressed that she was running a crew of 30 men and I was impressed to see how beautiful the campus was and that the guys respected her."
Wilson said that they have never married, and really feels that they have no reason to do so, although they may in the future.
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"I do not see any particular benefit to being marfied," she said. "I can own property and have full rights under the law so I do not need the protection of marriage as women once did. I am not Christian nor do I participate in a formal religion so there are no moral implications."

Wilson was 42 when she and Williams decided to have a baby, Hannah Sky, now four

four.
Wilson's mother said that Hannah's changed her daughter's

temperament.
"Joni's always fair and she extends
that over into Hannah," she said.
"People said Hannah brought a
softness to Joni that she didn't have
before."

Williams commented on their lifestyle, which revolves largely around the child. "Our daughter is our main common interest," he said. "Everything we do is centered around Hannah."

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## **Guest Speaks** Of Spies

## By SHARON CARROLL

Eta Sigma Phi, the collegiate honorary society for Latin and Greek Studies, held their annual lecture last week and announced the winner of the newly created Laura V. Sumner Memorial Scholarship.

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Laura V. Sumner served as head of the Classics department at Mary Washington College for 30 years and founded the Eta Sigma Phi chapter at the college in 1950. The scholarship, created two years ago, honors excellence in the study of the Classics are Listed.

Classics or Latin.

"Even though we ultimately struggle with choosing a winner it's the most fun thing I get to do," said Liane Houghtalin, assistant professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion and advisor of Eta Sigma Phi.
"We really see what wonderful and great students the department has."

This year the lecture was entitled "Toga and Dagger: Estionage in the Ancient

and Dagger: Espionage in the Ancient World" and was given by Colonel Rose Mary Sheldon in Trinkle Hall on March

27.

Sheldon, professor of History at Virginia Military Institute, spoke of the importance and prevalence of spies in ancient civilizations beginning with biblical times and moving onto the Greeks and Romans.

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Sheldon informed the audience that spies are everywhere but you have to know what to look for. In Genesis, Noah sends a dove out to see if the flood waters had receded and that it was safe to come out of the arch

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"This is the first recorded aerial reconnaissance mission," Sheldon said. In Judges, when Defliah betrays Samson, Colonel Sheldon said that she was actually working as the first female double agent. She spoke about how the ancient Greeks were pioneers and wrote the earliest handbooks on espionage. Aneas Tacticus wrote about 18 different ways to hidd messages, including tucking them away in your sandal, tattooing them to a slave's head or writing them with disappearing plant dye.

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Sheldon went on to speak about rampant
espionage in the Roman Empire.

"They weren't as clever as the
Greeks...but they had spies everywhere"
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played. She made the point that although
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did not listen and threw them out as well.
He was later assassinated."



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administrative than it used to be," she says.
"Just in the last few years I have stopped
designing, ordering and planting all of the
flower beds. I just couldn't get it done and
have slowly in stages allowed others to do
that kind of thing."

On one unseasonably warm Monday in

mid-February, however, Wilson walks around campus with Blair noting what needs around campus with Blar noting what needs to be done for spring.
Wearing black slacks, flat-soled black dress pumps, and a black jacket with her hair drawn back in a low ponytail, Wilson carries her clipboard and writes down detailed notes.

As she passes Woodard Campus Center, As she passes woodard Campus Center, she observes that the student traffic pattern to the mailroom has changed, notes that barriers need to be put up to reroute the traffic, and that a path needs to be built.

Wilson takes this chance to explain her datase.

An Atypical Day Unfortunately, Wilson does not get outside as much as she would like. During

Lovelace, director of Environmental
Health and Safety
at Mary
Washington
College and
Wilson's coworker, said that Wilson holds her own when on the

six [a.m.].

"I love Mary Washington College. I think our campus is beautiful.
It's a cake and I put the Icing on

Ioni Wilson

other conditions in its environment," she says. "I had hoped it would revive over the winter, but the conditions have not been

"[1] either design or approve landscapin:

and administer tree contracts," she says. "I watch traffic patterns and try to

watch traffic patterns and try to accommodate."

Near Fairfax House, Wilson displays her concern for a Mahonia Bealei bush to Blair. She explains that the bush, which leans

She explains that the bush, which leans up against Fairfax House, will have to be pruned before the house is repainted this spring. She tells Blair that she wants to be called to prune the bush personally so that no one jeopardizes the health of its yellow

As she passes Chandler Hall, Wilson

for several years

wanted to cut it down last year since it could fall on the building,

unhealthy last

Wilson refused.

looks at a River Birch that has been unhealthy

As she passes trees and bushes on campus

As she passes trees and bushes on campus walk, she mentions the names of each, and carefully checks them over for disease.

She concludes her tour of the campus grounds by walking down the brick steps toward Russell Hall where the purple crocuses are in full bloom.

"It always makes me think of a fairyland or some other place out of a storybook with beautiful princ esses and wood folk about she says of the flowers

'Dedicated, Hardworking, Sensitive'

Wilson attended Ferrum College, Virginia Wilson attended Ferum College, Virginas Commonwealth University, studied horticulture at a community college in Richmond, and received her degree will neephasis in psychology from the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program at Mary Washington College in 2000, Coworders and friends know Wilson as the woman who tests the job done while

the woman who gets the job done while maintaining a love for the environment in which she works.

Cedric Rucker, dean of Student Life and Wilson's longtime friend, recalled an incident involving Wilson and a diseased tree.

Rucker said the grounds staff was taking

down a tree and he went over to ask Wilso about it because the tree did not look sick to

- See WILSON, page 5

# Wilson: Keeping It Green

always said, T will not sit at a

desk I want to be doing

Nita Wilson

which was hollow in the center

"It was obvious that the tree wouldn't haw "It was obvious that the tree wouldn't have survived, but interesting! that she knew," he said. "Her attention to detail is amazing. It's more than a job. She takes it really seriously." Edward Hegmann, director of Athletics, said that it is unusual for a college athletic department not to

have its own grounds crew

but that feedback regarding the maintenance of athletic fields is still positive. "We have had comments from other teams that wish they had game

fields as nice as our practice fields," he said. "We've had fields," he said. "We've had tremendous cooperation from Joni and her staff. Dedicated, hardworking, sensitive. Those are three descriptive words that come to mind."

Stuart Sullivan, director

Stuart Sullivan, director of maintenance control for Facilities Services, has been Wilson's coworker since she came to Mary Washington College. Since he works primarily with building maintenance, Sullivan's views sometimes conflict with Wilson's.

Sullivan recalled one incident when a contracto was installing some cables for a building and hit the

was installing some capies for a building and it the rot of a one-hundred-year old walmut tree.

"I was going 'Joni's going to kill me, "he said.
"She came over, saw my face, and said 'It's going to be okay."

According to Sullivan, Wilson wrote up specifics of what needed to be done to save the tree, and it

The overwhelming response of Wilson workers was that she is capable and personable John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president I

Facilities Services, has been Wilson's supervisor since

Facilities Services, has been Wilson's supervisor since he came to work at Mary Washington College in 1994 "She knows her job and responsibilities and very capably handles them with minimum input from mc." he said. "She's a wonderful complement to the college and the facilities department. She's very level-headed and knowledgeable."

Wilson has supervised Randolph Myers Battlefield grounds supervisor, for 12 years. He credits the ground department's employee retention

"She's one of the most people-oriented magers that I've ever heen acquainted h," he said. "The reason retention has stayed is because her attitude toward our stayed is because for attitude down! She makes everybody feel like an integral part of the team."

Wilson said that the retention rate for her crew is currently stable. She explained

that many of her employees have been here for about five have been here for about five years. In addition, two have been at the college for 12 years, and one other grounds employee has been at the school for 10 years.

Wilson has also supervised Blair for 12 years. Blair mentioned that years. Blair mentioned that they are good friends and that they work well together. "She lets you know what she expects, but is not rea

Motherhood

Wilsonmet Williams her domestic partner and the tather of her child, when she came to work at the college. Williams explained that they met in 1991 or

[1002] "We use started talking and found we had lots of commondities," Withams said. "We were friends for a year before the romance. Flwas impressed that she was running a crew of 40 near all Visas impressed to see how beautiful the campus was and that the guys

in the future. "I do not see any particular benefit to being ried." She said, "I can own property and have rights under the law so I do not need the notection of marriage as women once did. I am not Christian nor do I participate in a formal nedigion so there are no moral implications." Wilson was 42 when she and Williams decided to have a baby, Hannah Sky, now four.

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## The High Cost Of Ring Week

aff Writer
1 carton of eggs: \$0.69

1 carton of eggs; \$0.09 1 gallon of spoiled milk; \$2.99 1 5-pound bag of flour; \$1.69 1 roll of duct-tape; \$1.99 100 copies of embarrassing photos; \$5.00 Seeing your junior friends humiliated every day for one week: Priceless

A few dried eggshells encrusted onto campus walk and a couple of rain-soaked fliers that reveal far too much information about some of Mary Washington College's finest are all that remain of this year's Junior Ring Week.

As juniors begin to come out of their hiding places

As juniors begin to come out of their hiding places and shamefully make their, way back to class, the college's Facilities Services work hard to clean up any remaining evidence of this year's atrocities.

Priceless? Not exactly.

According to reports from the Police Department and Facilities Services, the rituals of Junior Ring Week in past years have cost the school several thousands of follars in damage alone. of dollars in damage alone.

This year costs have not been as high. The Police partment estimated their total damage costs were

This year costs have not been as high. In ePolice Department Estimated their total damage costs were about \$300.

John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president of Facilities Services said that most of their "cost" is time. Planned work, such as fertilization or clearly assistant with the properties of t

storm drains, has to be rescribed and that costs the school money.

"Generally, the larger expenses relate to replacement of damaged equipment or furniture and the costs of hiring a power wishing service to clean exterior walks, steps, etc." Wiltenmuth said. One ductape and spoiled food assault runs the school about \$60.

So for now, Junior Ring Week traditions rema with a nice price tag of about \$700. Not exactly priceless, but worth it just the same.

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## **Guest Speaks** Of Spies

Eta Sigma Phi, the collegiate honorary society for Latin and Greek Studies, held their annual lecture last week and announced the winner of the newly created Laura V. Sumner Memorial Scholarship

Laura V. Sumner Memorral Scholarship, junior Lydia Haley.

Laura V. Sumner served as head of the Classics department at Mary Washington College for 30 years and founded the Eta Sigma Phi chapter at the college in 1950. The scholarship, created two years ago, honors excellence in the study of the Classics exchains. Classics or Latin.

"Even though we ultimately struggle "Even though we ultimately struggies with choosing a winner it's the most fun thing I get to do," said Liane Houghtalin, assistant professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion and advisor of Eta Sigma Phi. "We really see what wonderful and great students the department has."

This year the lecture was entitled "Togga and Demander of the Amigna and Demander of the Amigna the Common of the Common o

and Dagger: Espionage in the Ancient World" and was given by Colonel Rose Mary Sheldon in Trinkle Hall on March

27.
Sheldon, professor of History at Virginia Military Institute, spoke of the importance and prevalence of spies in ancient civilizations beginning with biblical times and moving onto the Greeks and Romans.

"Intelligence is the second oldest profession, with less morals than the first," Sheldon said as she set the tone for her

speech.
Sheldon informed the audience that spies are everywhere but you have to know what to look for. In Genesis, Noah sends a dove out to see if the flood waters had receded at the times safe to come out of the arch.

"This is the first recorded aerial connaissance mission," Sheldon said.

"This is the first recorded aerial reconnaissance misson." Sheldon said. In Judges, when Defliah hetrays Samson, Colonel Sheldon said that she was actually working as the first female double agent. She spoke about how the ancient Greeks were pioneers and wrote the earliest handbooks on expionage. Aneas Tacticus wrote about 18 different ways to hide messages, including tucking them away in your sandal, tattooing them to a slave's head or writing them with disappearing plant dye.

Sheldon went on to speak about rampant

espionage in the Roman Empire.
"They weren't as clever as the
Greeks...but they had spies everywhere"

Greeks...but they had spies everywhere. Sheldon said. Sheldon stressed the importance of Intelligence and the crucial role it has played. She made the point that although upstanding individuals may not gather information we cannot afford to throw it

The Emperor Julian threw all the informants out of town, two came back and said they had information on an assassination plot," Sheldon said. "Julian did not listen and threw them out as well. He was later assassinated."





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# Sports

## the latest athletic news and information

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime-time on were Fred and Wilma Flintstone

Fast Fact

## **Men's Lacrosse**

April 6: Shenandoah University April 10: at Marymount University

## **Women's Lacrosse**

April 4: Roanoke College April 6: Goucher College

## Men's Tennis

April 6: Carnegie Mellon Univ. College of New Jersey

## **Women's Tennis**

April 6: Carnegie Mellon Univ. College of New Jersey

## Rasehali

April 6: Catholic University April 7: Salisbury University

## Softhall

April 4: Virginia Wesleyan College April 6: Salisbury University



## **Men's Lacrosse**

April 3: St. Mary's College suspended

## **Women's Lacrosse**

April 2: Marymount University

## **Men's Tennis**

April 2: Hampden-Sydney College

## **Women's Tennis**

April 3: Loyola College

## **Baseball**

April 1: Newport News W 11-2 April 3: St. Mary's College W 9-7

## Softhall

March 29: Chowan College L 1-0, 3-0 April 3: Gallaudet University W 9-1, 8-2



## **Bobby Bergin**

Junior high jumper broke the **Battleground Relays** meet record this past weekend. jumping a height of 6-10 1/2

## **Eagles Crush Competition At The Battleground Relays**

## By OSASU AIRHIAVBERE

Going into the Battleground Relays last Saturday, the Mary Washington College women's 4x100 meter relay team of junior Stacie Evans and sophomnores Erin Haile, Nicole Maier, and Christina Sullivan were undefeated. During the race, it was evident to the team after the baton was dropped at the exchange between the first and second runners, Sullivan and Maier, that they had lost the race. They placed fifth out of the time schools in the race, with a time of \$3.30 seconds.

"It's sad, but sutfinappens," said Evans, the last runner on the relay. "We all would have liked to qualify for nationals, but we have to move on from that race and focus on the rest of our season."

Despite the unexpected and disappointing loss, Evans and the Eagles toop placing performances at the unscored meet showed the competition that they plan to take Capital Athletic Conference titles on both the men and the women's teams. Going into the Battleground Relays last Saturday, the

Athletic Conference titles on both the men and women's teams.

"We have a couple more weeks to practice for championship meet," men and women's track & field he coach Stan Soper said. "We are right where we need to be."

On the women's side, school of th

On the women's side, school record breakers included Haite who ran a time of 1:05.90 in the 400-meter hurdles, taking first place. The 4x00-meter relay team of Evans, Sullivan, Maier, and freshman Sara Kut placed first and also set a new school record with a time of 1:46.10.

exceptionally well."

The sprint medley relay team, which was being run for the first time all season, placed 4th with a time of 1:58, while the distance medley relay team also placed

first with a time of 12:51.80. The 4x400-meter relay placed third with a time of 4:10.40.

puaced thred with a time of 4:10:40.

"We focused more on relays for this meet as opposed to individual events," Soper said.

Top placers in individual events included sophomore Rachael Unger, who won the 3000-meter steeplechase, which is arguably the most difficult race in the meet. She ran a time of 12:09:80.

Senior Date Edits all-sed 6:6th in the 1600-

ran a time of 12:09-80. Senior Dans Folta placed fifth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 5:11.11. In field events, freshman Jane Thies placed sixth in the high jump, clearing a height of 5 ft and third in the triple jump with a distance of 33-6 if 2, while sophomore Emily Edleman placed third in the pole vault. She cleared a height of 9-6. The men also proved to the conference that they could not only compete well individually, but they can run competitive relay teams as well. The men's team did

competitive relay teams as well. The men's team did equally as well as the women's team.

Junior Bobby Bergin, who placed first in the high jump, broke the meet record in the event with a height of 6-1034, which is almost five inches more than the height achieved by the second place winner.

School record breakers included senior Erik Kochert, who placed first in the long jump with a distance of 22-11 and also the many difference of 12-11 and also the many difference and the malest.

with a distance of 22-11 and also the men's distance medley relay.

Sophomore Colin Dwyer placed first in the Discus throw, with a distance of 148-8 1/2 inches, and also in the hammer throw with a distance of 163-10 1/2. In the shotput throw, Dwyer placed 7th with a distance of 42 1/2.

with a distance of 42 I/2.
Franz Wesner placed fourth in the Javelin throw with a distance of 164-6. Wesner also placed third in the pole vault with a height of 12-0. The men's 4.400 meter relay team placed 3rd with a time of 3:25"
"We had a good meet and I am proud of our whole team."Evans said. "We looked great and I know we are come to dominate the conference arms in about three

going to dominate the conference again in about three weeks."



## **Eagles Claw Tigers**

Adam Benabdallah run out of blocks.

Above and Right: Junior Stacie Evans and sophomore

On Tuesday, April 2 the Mary Washington College men's tennis team traveled to take on the Hampden-

men's tennis team traveled to take on the Hampden-Sydney Tigers.

The Eagles were victorious in every match, shutting down Hampden-Sydney by an overall score of 7-0. There was not a single member of the MVC squad who did not defeat his opponent.

Though Hampden-Sydney sin't exactly a rival for MWC tennis teams, the match was not one to take lives.

igntly.

"It wasn't a matter of winning or losing," junior Steve Wenzel said. "We knew we were going to win even with two of our top six guys out, but [it was] a matter of sticking to our game plan and doing what we do best."

a team without any seniors, many

For a team without any seniors, many underclassme have stepped up throughout the season and make immense contributions during every match, and this was no exception. Two out of the six singles matches on Tuesday featured freshmen. Wenzel was victorious in his singles match (6-1, 6-0), as well as in his doubles match with freshman partner Matt Rogers. They defeated their Hampden-Sydney counterparts by a tight 8-5 score. Rogers fared well in his singles bout, winning in straight

sets 6-2, 6-2.
"They weren't a bad team. [They had] a couple of good players at the top of their lineup, especially," Rogers said. "However, we went out there and got right to business and did exactly what we had do and beat them handily. This was the first time since our current coach (Helbling) has been here that we have beaten them 7-0."

have beaten them 7-0."

Junior Conor Smith, last year's Capital Athletic
Conference Player of the Year, continued his stellar
performance of this season. He lost a set to the
Tigers' John Moss, but rebounded and found himself
on the winning end after three sets of play (5-7, 6-4,

Freshman Nate Hathaway also fared well against Hampden-Sydney on Tuesday. He won his match in two sets, putting away Rob Light of the Tigers, 6-4 and 6-0. Hathaway, along with partner Smith, easily won their doubles match, 8-2.

Sophomore Dan Uyar enjoyed much of the same success as his teammates. He claimed victory in his singles match, 6-4 and 6-2. Continuing the team's winning streak, Uyar and teammate junior Nhat Nguyen won their doubles match as well, 8-2.

Nguyen, one of the few upperclassmen tennis players for MWC, rounded out the singles matches with a 6-3, 6-2 victory, Freshman Nate Hathaway also fared well against

with a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

With the win over Hampden-Sydney, the mer boosted their winning record to 8-4. Only a handful of matches remain before the CAC Championships on April 20 and 21.

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on April 20 and 21.
Their next match falls on April 5 at the Battlegrounds against Rhodes College at 3:30pm.

## **Eagles Top Apprentice School, 11-2**

Osasu Airhiavbere/Bulle

When the Mary Washington College's men's baseball team arrived at Newport News, VA Monday afternoon they may have thought they had arrived to swim rather than to play baseball, as their entire dugout was flooded. "Centerfield looked like a swamp and the entire infield was soaked. Many of our base runners oloked like hey were in a slip and slide competition," senior pitcher Bronson Hall said. Despite the near flood conditions on the field and seven base runners wiping out the Eagles slid to their 19th win of the season, 11-2, against Newport News Apprentice School Monday night.

Monday night.

Hall was pleased with his performance and his 0.98 ERA

Inst season.

"I started the first few innings off with a lot of off speed pitches," Hall said. "Their better batters might have seen five pitches and four of them were probably breaking pitches in the early innings."

"Bronson had complete command of all his pitches and it was just a pleasure to catch for him Monday night," sophomore transfer Jason Sullivan said.

transter Jason Sullivan saud.

Hall struggled in the third inning, giving up a single to the lead-off batter and then with one out, he walked the next batter. Hall then threw a wild pich to leave a man on second and third with only one out. The next batter grounded out to second to score a run. However, Hall was able to get the next batter to ground out to third to retire the side.

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The Eagles were able to muster up all the offense they would need in the third inning, with a little help from Newport News. However, the Eagles got clutch hitting from junior Max Seaman to score a run on a fielder's choice. At the end of the inning the Eagles would score four runs off of only

two hits.

The Eagles continued to round the bases in the fourth inning, scoring four more runs. Lemire singled and senior Mark McEathron doubled to put men on second and third with no outs. Junior

John Chiles hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield, to score Lemire. Seaman then hit another sacrifice fly to centerfield, to score Lemire. Seaman then hit another sacrifice fly to centerfield to score McEathron. Quintana doubled and Sullivan followed up with a double of his own to score Quintana. Junior Mike Drummond hit yet another double, scoring Sullivan from second. Junior Drew Robertson struck out swinging to end the incine with the Tender on John we recore 64. the inning, with the Eagles on top by a score of 8-1

Coach Tom Sheridan was pleased with his team's

Coach Tom Sheridan was pleased with his team's performance at the plate.

"Both pitchers threw hard for Newport News, but we were able to get a lot of timely situational hitting," he said. "We had a number of searfice fly balls, a clutch ground ball RBI and a but that moved up base runners. This team's work ethic distribute his up to be presented to the property of the property o and attitude has just been great. If one guy replaces another



Junior John Chiles runs into the infield

guy you will here the other guy yelling for him and cheering him on. That is what is great about this group of guys."

Hall continued his dominance, giving up only one more run through eight innings and striking out three more batters.

batters. "In the early innings I threw 90 percent curve balls, but later in the game I threw more fastballs and they were not to get around on them," Hall said. "I have been mixing it up all season like that and it has worked."

that and it has worked."

Sheridan has been astonished by
Hall's pitching this season.

"Bronson has really turned it up.
He has an outstanding breaking ball and
he's got a rubber arm," Sheridan said.

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He pitched eight innings Monday and he was out the next day playing long catch. You can sart him and then pitch him in relief the next game. He just wants the ball."

The Eagles managed to score three more runs in the late innings, the first off a sacrifice fly all from Allster in the sixth inning. Chiles hit a single in the seventh to score McFathens and Chrommond his a riole in the side with the McFathens and Chrommond his a riole in the side hit. McEathron and Drummond hit a triple in the eighth. He was driven home by Altsler who hit a sacrifice fly ball to

The Eagles left the game soaked, but with a 19-3 record, and high and dry on top of the CAC Conference. 

Yesterday the Eagles defeated St. Mary's College, 9-7, gaining their twentieth win. This brings their CAC record to 5-0 and 20-3-1 overall.

catch for him Monday

Jason Sullivan

# Meet The Players: Mark McEathron and Jen Rice



Senior Mark McEathron hopes to get a

## **Shortstop Steps Up**

Ask Senior Mark McEathron about the accomplishments that he has made in his four years of playing baseball at Mary Washington and you probably won't hear about his all-region success or first-team selection in the CAC. You probably won't hear about his record-breaking 2001 season either, in which he broke the arbat record with 159 and led the team with 64 strikenuts.

the at-bat record with 159 and led the team with 64 strikeouts.

It's not that he doesn't appreciate all of it, he just has something else on his mind, his team. And although years down the line he may look back and realize how great it all was, what matters most to the 22 year-old

shortstop now is how the team is playing.
"You want respect from other conferences," he said. "But it really doesn't mean anything if you're team isn't

winning."

McEathron first started playing ball when he was five and his dad put him on a little league team. Since then,

he has stayed with the game, putting forth a lot of hard work and effort. One thing that keeps him motivated is his love for baseball as a sport. "There's something about the purity of it," he said. "It's just you against the pitcher. It's something you feel as somebody whose been playing forever. You wake up in the morning and you can't wait to get out on the field. When you're out there it's like nothing else is going on in the world."

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on in the world."

Through his years of playing with the Eagles, McEathron has developed his natural ability to become a key player and a leader of the team. According to Coach Tom Shraida, he has not only been able to take a game over

he has not only been able to take a game over because of his speed and hitting, but he also has defensive influence that has been overlooked. Sheridan also attributes personal qualities to his success.

"He's also a good person, which is just as important as being a good player," Sheridan said. "He's someone that you can always count on. He's dependable, responsible, and has an understanding of his role in the team and in winning."

understanding of his role in the team and in winning."

McEathron has helped many of the younger players as well, taking the new in-fielders under his wing. Assistant coach and good friend Ryan Napolitano has noticed the influence that his style has had on the rest of the team

style has had on the rest of the team. 
"Mark's one of the more confident people I know," he said. "He tries to do anything when playing a game, like hit the ball off the fence, and it rubs off on the other players. He's a great teammate and friend, pretty quiet, but you know he's always ther."

As much as McEathron has given to the team, the team had the positions had been always there.

As much as McEathron has given to the team, the team has given back to him with comradery. On Saturday nights, everyone gets a call when something is going on. Even he can't explain how close all 28 guys are, or how much faith he has in everybody.

After graduation, the business major plans to trun to another sport, golf, which has been his other interest since he had a summer job at a course when he was 15. He plans to spend a

a course when he was 15. He plans to spend a a course when he was 15. He plans to spend a few years working as an assistant golf director in his hometown of Dover Plains, New York. Anything after that, however, McEathron says that it just all depends on what happens. He still hopes to keep playing baseball, but admist that it takes a lot of luck to be spotted by a

# **Rice Strikes Out The Competition**

"It felt like we had won

the World Series that , day. I will never forget

that moment for the rest of my life, It was incredibly amazing."

By LIZ KELLER

nior Jen Rice has been playing softball since sh

Junior Jen Rice has been playing softball since she was seven years old. She started out playing baseball at an early age, but when her dad saw a registration sign for girls softball, he signed her up. "Cried (when he signed me up) because I wanted to keep playing with the boys." Rice said.

Since her Little League days, Rice has grown into one of the top pitchers in the Capital Athletic Conference. Last year, she led the league in saves and was among conference leaders with an earned run average of 1.49, 14 wins and 6.0 strikeouts per game.

Already this season, Rice has

Already this season, Rice has completed 103 innings on the mound and has struck out 90 batters while recording 12 wins for the Eagles.

However, Rice's early pitching experiences were not as skilled

experiences were not as skilled.

After playing the pitcher's position while playing T-ball, she

position while playing T-ball, she eventually had to move up to the league where the players pitch.

"The first day of practice, my coach asked us if anyone knew how to pitch and I raised my hand, having no idea that he meant actually throwing the ball underhand to a batter," Rice said. "Thank God my team wasn't very good, because I was hornible when I first started, but I got a pitching coach and solved that mobilem."

problem."

Now, according to Dec Conway, head coach of the Mary Washington College softball team, some consider Rice to be one of the top five pitchers in the region. "Ien is a very good pitcher at this level. She worked hard in the off season to improve her conditioning and pitches," Conway said. "Most pitchers possess good speed or good control. Jen is above average in both, making this an ideal situation for the team."

Her teammates also think she is a valuable asset for

"Her demeanor on the field rubs off on other people.

She is a great leader and is so focused on winning that

Erin Keenan.
Junior teammate Julia Gloukhoff felt that her
versatility makes her a great player and teammate.
"She is very hardworking and determined. Not only
is she a good pitcher, but she also hits really well,"
Gloukhoff said. loukhoff said.

Rice, who sports a 2.36 earned run average this year,

credits her success on the

credits her success on the field to her family.

"My parents have been there for me every season, at almost every game," she said. "They game," she said. "They drive me to tournaments all across the East Coast and they have taught me so much about life." Rice said that her most memorable moment at Mary Washington was when the team defeated Salisbury

University last year, snapping their 46 game winning streak in a

conference game.
"It felt like we had won the World Series that

won the World Series that day. I will never forget that moment for the rest of my life, it was incredibly amazing," she said.

After helping lead the Eagles to 14 wins so far this year, Ricehas high expectations for the rest of the season.
"We are definitely going after the conference championships this year and twould love to host the conference tournament at the end of the season," she

Rice, a Business Administration major from Annandale, Virginia, isn't sure yet what her plans are after college, but does know that on the field, her position

is secure.

"When I am on the mound, I feel powerful and confident. It's almost magical," she said. "Being on the mound is my favorite place to be in the entire world."

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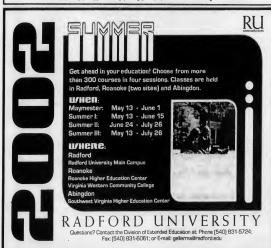
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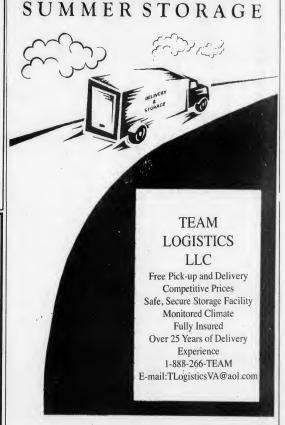
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On Friday and Saturday night, Broadway, MGM musicals, and popular music all hir the stage in Dodd Auditorium when Encore puts on their annual spring show. The mixed group combines elements of theatre, dance, and choir, where they get their official title: the Mary Washington College Show Choir.

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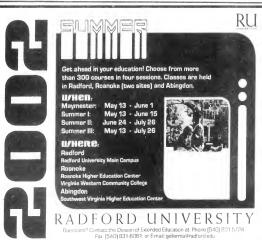
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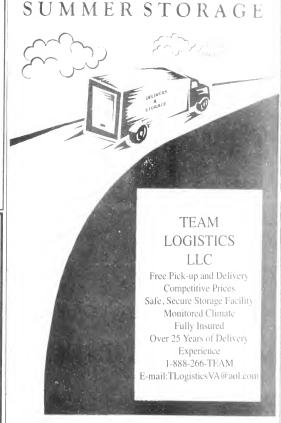
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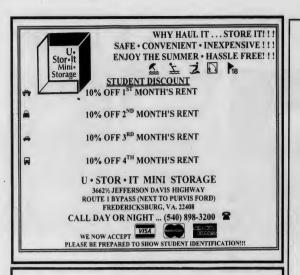
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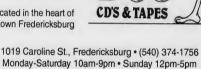
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CIRCLING AROUND

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ministries might try to steal the freshmen's junk.

There just really is no good reason for us to be restricted from coming back a couple days early, especially when we are working on school related things

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So why don't we all just apply to be a prestigious Welcome Week Leader, you may be asking? Well first here is no guarantee everyone that needs to be took would be picked. And second, if we did that we'd have

**To Campus Groups** 

to help out with all the freshmen orientation stuff, leaving us no time to plan for our own events.

So those that need to be back before official move-in, but can't afford to devote all their time to the freshmen, are just out of luck.

So enjoy the summer and make sure to get back early on Saturday when us non-Welcome Leaders are permitted to return. There'll be quite a line in the

Amber Rector is a Sophomore

## Do you like to doodle in class? Are you an Art major at heart? Do your stick people look

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Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver



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# The Weekly Wassup

What to do ... Where to go?!



# Questions??? Contact O :: : @ x1061

Sunday





-7:30pm -win a free

-9pm

tattoo or piercing





Friday Hot Tub

Palmiera Plaza b/w Willard & VA -5pm - 8pm Concert: BellACapella, Invoice, and UVA

-Monroe 104 -Lee Ballrom -8pm -\$3 MWC -7pm Leaving your mark: The HOLE story

Fencing -Goolrick Auxillary -5pm

Students Against the Death Penalty Carribean Nights -Underground -9pm - 12am

April Saturday Multicultural

-Ball Circle -10am - 5pm -free fun Daybreak Bond Week -help special need kids Pick-up Basketball Game

-1300 Augustine -Goolrick -2pm - 5pm Concert: Fencing Encore

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-Fred'burg city

-4pm

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Monday

Black Student -Meeting Rm. 2

Bond Week: Slam Poet/Jazz Band Night

-Underground -7pm - 9pm

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Theatre: Yeats's Gallery -Monroe 104

Break Dancing -Goolrick, studio 4 -8pm

Tuesday Wednesday

> -Ball Circle Bonjour -French hour

Day

Cause & Effect

-8pm Day of Silence -to bring awareness of discrimination

and prejudices

-Westmoreland

-8am - 5pm

-9pm

Tertulia -Spanish hour -Westmoreland 3rd floor

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